The Krewe of Nereids

Presents

Eleventh Annual Bal Masque

Saturday evening

January 29, 1977

St. Joseph Memorial Hall

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

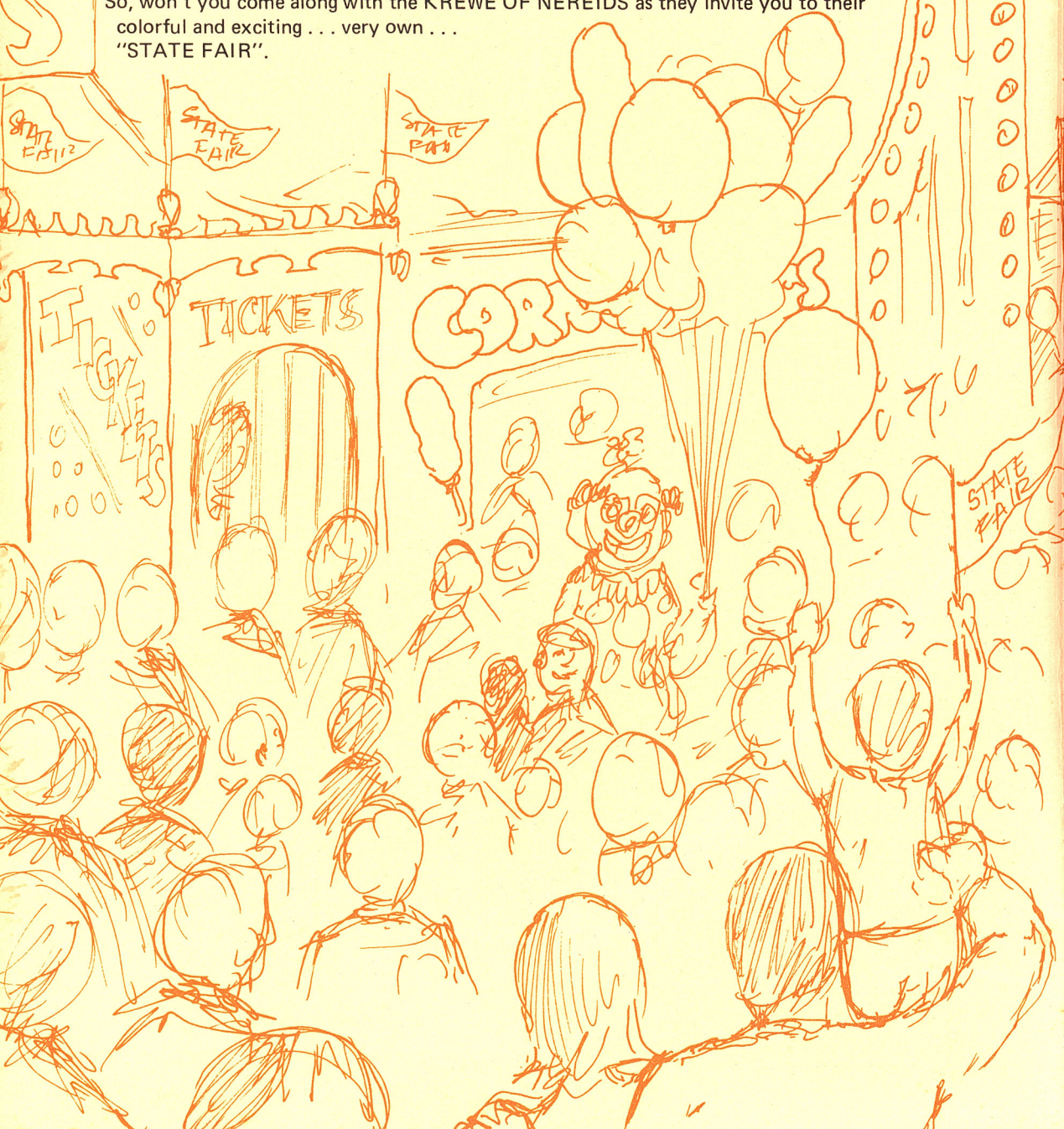
"STATE FAIR" . . . What an idea it conjures up! What EXCITEMENT . . . FUN . . . LAUGHTER . . . just a big old fashion, down-home, country style . . . PARTY. Truly a happy celebration from start to finish.

The vivid yellow, green, and red pennants fly high above brightly colored and decorated goody-filled booths. From the delightful entertainment of the MIDWAY to the happy excitement of the many cooking contests . ... all combine to make a "STATE FAIR" one of those once a year . . . one of a kind . . . fun filled FESTIVALS.

PINK LEMONADE . . . COTTON CANDY . . . APPLE ON A STICK . . . HOT DOGS . . . POP CORN . . . delightful to "munch on" for young and old alike. And while we munch - we can enjoy the ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE CONTEST . . . the contestants in their gaily trimmed costumes . . . and laugh at the antics of the CLOWNS . . . Then for a few special treats try a ride on the FERRIS WHEEL as it flies you high above the crowd, only to plummet you back to the ground with butterflies in your tummy. And not to be left out - is the BLARE of the MERRY-GO-ROUND as it hums a pulsating waltz and toots a shrill WHISTLE.

Yes . . . that's a "STATE FAIR" - and yet it's MORE . . . oh . . . so MUCH MORE. It's a CHILD'S LAUGHTER, it's a SMILING FACE, it's a WARM HANDSHAKE . . . it's a LOVER'S EMBRACE. It's happiness and gaiety; romance and friendship; singing and laughter . . . Yes, that's what Nereids feels is a "STATE FAIR".

So, won't you come along with the KREWE OF NEREIDS as they invite you to their colorful and exciting . . . very own . . .
"STATE FAIR".



The Krewe of Nereids Visits the

STATE FAIR

AS OUR TABLEAU UNFOLDS:

a. The CAPTAIN'S whistle officially opens the 11th Annual Bal Masque . . . before we welcome . . .

b. The Royal Court of 1976, recalling our 10th Anniversary Ball . . . "HAWAII, THE 50TH STATE" . . .

c. NEREIDS invites you to their . . . "STATE FAIR" . . .

d. The setting is "A COLORFUL MIDWAY" . . . as our Narrator tells the story.

e. Behold the lighting of the Crest of Nereids, as a prelude to our unique celebration . . .

f. "HAPPY VOICES" announce to one and all . . .

g. Let the "STATE FAIR" begin . . .

h. The Krewe Members arrive . . . as the festivities get into full swing . . .

i. The NEREIDS OFFICERS enter to await the arrival of . .

j. The CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS . . . as the State Fair's . . . "STAR ENTERTAINER" . . . She bids all a warm . . . WELCOME . . . and then . . .

k. The MAIDS OF THE 1977 ROYAL COURT . . .
portraying "PRINCESSES" from various "County Fairs" around the State of Mississippi . . .
the Princess from Brookhaven County . . .
the Princess from Pearl River County . . .
the Princess from Stone County . . .
the Princess from Harrison County . . .
the Princess from Jackson County . . .
the Princess from Forrest County . . .
the Princess from Neshoba County . . .

l. Hail QUEEN DORIS XI, the "QUEEN OF OUR STATE FAIR".

m. Her Royal Majesty now calls for . . .

n. The OFFICERS OF THE KREWE to escort the DUKES OF NEREIDS to her lovely MAIDS, so that, together, the COURT may await the regal arrival of . . .

o. KING NEREUS XI . . . who bids that his subjects enjoy with him the colorful . . .

p. "EXCITEMENT OF THE FAIR" . . . after which . . .

q. HONORED GUESTS are received . . . and then . . .

r. The ROYAL COURT parades in FESTIVE PAGEANTRY . . . before . . .

s. The Krewe cavorts for their final frolic . . .

t. The OFFICERS take a bow and salute the audience, before . . .

u. The gracious and charming . . . CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE . . . bids the audience a fond farewell til next year . . . and signals for . . .

v. The call-outs to begin . . . and for General Dancing to end the happy excitement of our . . . "STATE FAIR".

The Royal Court of 1977

King Nereus XI

Dukes
To His Majesty

Mr. John R. Rosetti
Mr. Joseph W. Gex
Mr. Paul D. Montjoy
Mr. Harold M. Hitt
Mr. R. Terry Markel
Mr. Walter J. Gex, III

Trainbearers
To Her Majesty

Miss Melissa Deanne Johnson
Miss Melanie Ann Peterman
Master Ronald Joseph Artigues, II
Master Charles Albert Breath, IV

Recollections

1967
Cavalcade of American Dance
King Nereus I
Cornelius K. Herlihy

1968
Era of Laughter
King Nereus II
Merlin R. Markel

1969
Carnival in Rio
King Nereus III
Henry Develle, Jr. *

1970
Spirit of America
King Nereus IV
W. Ray Gordon *

1971
Opening Nights
King Nereus V
James DeBlanc

1972
Three Ring Circus
King Nereus VI
Haskell L. Doyle

1973
Echoes of Famous Streets
King Nereus VII
John Gallagher

1974
The Enchanted Toy Shop
King Nereus VIII
T. Dixon Ashman

1975
The Jazz Age
King Nereus IX
David L. Johnson

1976
Hawaii, The 50th State
King Nereus X
Lucien M. Gex, Jr.

* Deceased

Committees

General Chairmen

Mr. Joseph V. Colson
Mr. David L. Johnson

Court Committee

Mr. Merlin Markel, Chairman

Mr. James DeBlanc
Mr. James Travirca
Mr. John Gallagher
Mr. Haskell Doyle
Mr. David Johnson
Mr. T. Dixon Ashman

Reception Committee

Mr. Luke Caruso, Chairman

Mr. Charles Johnson, Sr.
Mr. Robert Wyatt, Jr.
Mr. Gerard Boos
Mr. Joseph Griffin
Mr. Vincent Schott
Mr. Phillip Williams
Mr. Robert Lucas
Mr. Edward Brennan
Mr. Charles Breath, III
Mr. Donald Caserta
Mr. Eldon Gilly
Mr. James Kelly
Mr. Keith Ladner
Mr. Albert Grass
Mr. William Breland
Mr. Albert Von Antz

Floor Committee

Mr. A. Burton Barrett, Chairman

Mr. Alvin Bernard
Mr. Harold Torgersen
Mr. Thomas Kidd
Mr. Frederick Lampa
Mr. Harmon Turan
Mr. Frederick Peterman
Mr. Martin O. Blanchard
Mr. Michael W. Cooksey
Mr. Arthur J. Chapman, III
Mr. Clifford Vogt
Mr. Samuel Blanchard
Mr. Edward Scanlan, Jr.
Mr. Raymond Kidd, Jr.
Mr. Donald Diboll
Mr. Richard Warman
Dr. Earl J. Breaux
Mr. Kenneth Fayard
Mr. Pard Handshoe
Mr. Reginald Fayard

Parade Marshal

Mr. Armand Serpas